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- The Federal Aviation Administration allowed Southwest Airlines Co., February 24 to continue flying 128 planes that were grounded due to missed inspections, as long as the planes are checked within 5 days. – *Associated Press* (See item [4](#))
- A water main break at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in Pennsylvania, February 23 caused about 18,000 customers including businesses and schools to lose water service or have low water pressure, prompting a boil advisory. – *WGRZ 2 Buffalo* (See item [13](#))
- Anthem Inc., announced February 24 that 8.8 million to 18.8 million members of other Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plans may have been affected by a breach reported by the company in February. – *Reuters* (See item [14](#))
- Government offices in 50 northern Georgia counties were closed and a state of emergency was declared, as well as in Alabama and Tennessee due to a winter storm that also prompted schools across southern U.S. States to close February 25. – *CNN* (See item [15](#))

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *February 24, Lansdale Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Valve leak shuts down Limerick nuke plant.** One of two reactors at Exelon Nuclear’s Limerick Generating Station experienced an abrupt “hot shut-down” February 23 when a leak in a nitrogen supply line caused an unexpected closure of one of the main steam isolation valves, sending steam to the unit’s electrical generator. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was notified of the unplanned scram, and officials stated that the plant’s second reactor and the power grid remain stable while the reactor idles until it is place back into service. Source: <http://www.thereporteronline.com/general-news/20150224/valve-leak-shuts-down-limerick-nuke-plant>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *February 25, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Cosco recalls convertible hand trucks due to injury hazard.** Cosco Home & Office Products recalled 273,000 3-in-1 convertible aluminum hand trucks manufactured between January 2009 and October 2011 due to the potential for the wheel hub to separate or break and eject pieces during inflation, posing a risk of injury. The hand trucks were sold at Ace Hardware, Cosco Wholesale Club, Lowe’s, Price Mart, and United Stationers and online at TheHomeDepot.com. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Cosco-Recalls-Convertible-Hand-Trucks/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

3. *February 24, U.S. Department of Justice* – (California) **Los Angeles-area executive arrested in \$9 million bank fraud scheme.** An executive of Ontario, California based Eastern Tools and Equipment was arrested February 24 following an October 2014 indictment for his role in a scheme to defraud United Commercial Bank and East West Bank of more than \$9 million. The executive and his co-conspirators allegedly overstated Eastern Tools' accounts receivable to increase the company's line of credit with the banks then shifted money from the company's bank accounts into about 20 shell companies before siphoning the money into their personal accounts.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/losangeles/press-releases/2015/los-angeles-area-executive-arrested-in-9-million-bank-fraud-scheme>

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Transportation Systems Sector

4. *February 25, Associated Press* – (National) **FAA: Southwest for now can use planes that missed inspection.** The Federal Aviation Administration allowed Southwest Airlines Co., February 24 to continue flying 128 planes that were grounded due to missed inspections of backup hydraulic systems used to control the rudder, as long as the planes are checked within 5 days. The airline stated that they canceled about 80 flights after the discovery and expected to cancel up to 19 more February 25 during inspections.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/faa-southwest-for-now-can-use-planes-that-missed-inspection/ar-BBhWx5Q>
5. *February 25, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Victim identified in fatal US 60 crash in Mesa.** A 3-vehicle accident that caused 1 fatality closed westbound lanes of U.S. Highway 60 in Mesa for nearly 3 hours February 24.
Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/28186363/woman-killed-in-crash-on-us-60-in-mesa>
6. *February 24, Warren Reporter* – (New Jersey) **Truck carrying 65,000 gallons of milk overturns on I-80 causing closure.** A semi-truck hauling an estimated 65,000 gallons of milk overturned and spilled milk onto Interstate 80 in Hope Township February 24 closing eastbound lanes on and off for more than 4 hours while crews cleared the scene. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/warrenreporter/index.ssf/2015/02/truck_carrying_65000_gallons_o.html
7. *February 24, WTKR 3 Norfolk* – (Virginia) **Several crashes reported as snow blankets Hampton Roads again; Hampton reports 50 accidents.** Police in Hampton responded to 50 accidents, with 7 involving injuries, while Virginia State Troopers responded to 174 traffic crashes that included 14 injuries in the Chesapeake area due to snow and icy conditions on the roadways February 24.

Source: <http://wtkr.com/2015/02/24/several-crashes-reported-as-snow-blankets-hampton-roads-again/>

8. **February 24, KMGH 7 Denver** – (Colorado) **Rockslide on Highway 6 in Clear Creek Canyon; 1 motorist hurt.** A portion of U.S. 6 in Clear Creek Canyon was closed for 3 hours due to a rockslide that left at least 1 driver injured February 24. Crews responded to the scene and removed the rocks from the road.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/front-range/golden/rockslide-on-highway-6-in-clear-creek-canyon-injuries-reported>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. **February 25, Associated Press** – (Minnesota) **Cause of huge swine farm fire in Minnesota accidental.** Officials released the findings of an investigation February 24 into an October 2014 fire that killed more than 12,000 pigs and hogs worth \$1.3 million at a swine farm in Martin County. Investigators stated that the heat from gas-fueled pressure washers that were operating for several hours ignited some insulation in an attack and the blaze spread into and destroyed three buildings.
Source: <http://www.crookstontimes.com/article/20150225/NEWS/150229793/-1/news>
10. **February 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration** – (New York; Connecticut; New Jersey) **Fairway “Like No Other Market” recalls Fairway brand Raw Hazelnuts (Filberts) because of possible health risk.** Fairway “Like No Other Market” issued a recall February 24 for Fairway brand Raw Hazelnuts (Filberts) after routine sampling by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration revealed possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled product was distributed to Fairway stores in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut and via home delivery programs provided by Google and Instacart.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm435547.htm>
11. **February 24, U.S. Department of Labor** – (Kansas) **Worker loses toes in Waterville, Kansas, grain bin; incident due to safety violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the Beattie Farmers Union Cooperative for 5 safety and health violations and issued \$65,900 in proposed penalties following the investigation of an August 2014 incident at its Waterville grain bin that left 1 worker injured. The investigation revealed that the company failed to place locking devices on augers to prevent them from being powered on while workers were in the bin.
Source :
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27453

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. ***February 24, Associated Press*** – (Michigan) **Boil water advisory due to broken pipe in Baldwin.** Baldwin residents were issued a boil water advisory by the Lake County Central Dispatch February 22 until further notice due to a low water supply in the towers caused by a broken pipe. The advisory was issued as a precaution after a communication problem occurred between the towers and well houses.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/02/24/boil-water-advisory-due-broken-pipe-baldwin/23928263/>
13. ***February 24, WGRZ 2 Buffalo*** – (Pennsylvania) **Pipe replaced, but water problems continue in Bradford.** A February 23 break of a 24-inch water main at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford caused an estimated 18,000 people in the city to lose water service or have low water pressure, prompting a boil advisory. The university and city schools and businesses were closed through February 27 due to the outage.
Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/story/news/local/2015/02/23/bradford-water-main-break-boil-water/23908573/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. ***February 24, Reuters*** – (National) **Anthem says hack may affect more than 8.8 million other BCBS members.** Anthem Inc., announced February 24 that 8.8 million to 18.8 million members of other Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plans may have been affected by a breach reported by the company in February. Anthem updated the total number of records accessed in the database to 78.8 million customers, including 14 million incomplete records.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/25/us-anthem-cybersecurity-idUSKBN0LS2CS20150225>

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Government Facilities Sector

15. ***February 25, CNN*** – (National) **Groan with the wind: The south gets hit with another winter storm.** State government offices in 50 northern Georgia counties were closed and a state of emergency was declared, as well as in Alabama and Tennessee due to a winter storm that also prompted schools across southern U.S. States to close February 25. Approximately 1,330 flights in and out of the U.S. were also canceled due to the impending storm.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/02/25/us/winter-weather/index.html>

16. *February 25, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire closes Cleveland Elementary School in Allentown again Wednesday; community meeting set.** A February 24 fire at Cleveland Elementary School in Allentown prompted the school's closure February 25 after a hallway and surrounding rooms suffered significant smoke damage. Fire officials believe the blaze was accidental and likely caused by an electrical issue that began in a teacher preparation room.
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-lehighvalley/fire-at-cleveland-elementary-school/31442874>

17. *February 25, Florence TimesDaily* – (Alabama) **Lauderdale DHR, courthouse closed today; Lawrence offices closed.** All Lawrence County, Alabama government offices along with the Lauderdale County courthouse and the Lauderdale County Department of Human Resources were closed February 25.
Source: http://www.timesdaily.com/news/local/lauderdale-courthouse-closed-today/article_29a4d160-bce9-11e4-be35-ef83167e9273.html

18. *February 25, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Charges filed in Woodbury city hall theft after former tax clerk turns self in.** A former tax and utilities clerk for the city of Woodbury was charged February 24 for allegedly stealing \$50,000 in cash from city hall. Woodbury Police reported that the thefts dated back to 2013 and that the city has made several changes to internal policies at city hall.
Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2015/02/charges_filed_in_woodbury_city_hall_theft_after_fo.html

19. *February 24, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Evacuation ordered during fire at detention center.** The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Bern Township was evacuated and families were relocated due to a February 24 fire that was caused by an overheated, aging elevator belt. The building was aired out for several hours due to the heavy smoke from the fire.
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/fire-at-immigration-center-in-bern-twp/31463428>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *February 24, Gainesville Times* – (Georgia) **Power outage at 911 center during ice storm sparks concerns.** Hall County, Georgia's emergency 9-1-1 center relied on a generator to remain operational from February 16 through February 18 due to an ice storm that knocked out power. County officials were concerned that a generator failure would have been catastrophic to the center and questioned why it took Georgia Power so long to restore service to the facility.
Source: <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/108066/>

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Information Technology Sector

21. ***February 25, Securityweek*** – (International) **Mozilla fixes 17 vulnerabilities in Firefox 36.** Mozilla released version 36 of its Firefox browser closing 17 vulnerabilities and flaws, including 4 rated as critical.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Firefox-36-Fixes-Long-List-of-Security-Bugs-474150.shtml>
22. ***February 25, Help Net Security*** – (International) **New DDoS attack and tools use Google Maps plugin as proxy.** PLXsert security researchers discovered that attackers are exploiting a known vulnerability in Joomla's Google Maps plugin by spoofing the sources of requests, causing results to be sent from proxies to their denial of service (DDoS) targets. Researchers identified more than 150,000 potential Joomla reflectors on the internet, many of which remain vulnerable to be used for this type of attack.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18002>
23. ***February 25, Threatpost*** – (International) **Ramnit botnet shut down.** Europol Cybercrime Centre (EC3) investigators, Microsoft, AnubisNetworks, and Symantec carried out an operation to shut down the Ramnit botnet's 7 command and control (C&C) servers and redirected traffic from 300 domains used by the botnet. EC3 estimated that more than 3.2 million Windows computers have been infected with the botnet via spam campaigns, phishing scams, and drive-by downloads that installed malicious code to grant attackers access to banking credentials and other log-in information.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/ramnit-botnet-shut-down/111254>
24. ***February 24, Securityweek*** – (International) **McAfee: Popular mobile apps remain vulnerable to MitM flaws found last year.** Intel Security's McAfee Labs reported that almost 75 percent of the most popular mobile apps found vulnerable to man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks remain exposed to attacks since they were first identified in a September 2014 analysis by the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) at Carnegie Mellon University.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/mcafee-popular-mobile-apps-remain-vulnerable-mitm-flaws-found-last-year>

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25. *February 25, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Hundreds of guests evacuate downtown Tulsa hotel due to fire.** About 300 guests were evacuated from the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Tulsa February 25 after insulation in the building's air ducts caught fire and smoke was circulated throughout the hotel. Guests were allowed to return to the hotel after about 2 hours but could not return to the guest rooms until firefighters finished ventilating the entire building.
Source: <http://www.ktul.com/story/28194903/hundreds-of-guests-evacuate-downtown-tulsa-hotel-due-to-fire>
26. *February 24, Livingston Daily* – (Michigan) **Hartland facility dealing with norovirus outbreak.** A norovirus outbreak at the Village Manor Retirement independent living retirement community in Hartland Township, Michigan, has affected about 10 percent of the facility's 120-125 residents since the outbreak started during the week of February 16. Officials are investigating the outbreak that is believed to have been introduced through an ill visitor, and have sanitized common spaces and restricted communal activities in an effort to contain the virus.
Source:
<http://www.livingstondaily.com/story/news/local/community/hartland/2015/02/24/norovirus-outbreak/23960343/>
27. *February 24, WJAX 47 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **12 customers without gas after natural gas leak in downtown Jacksonville.** Crews clamped a 2-inch natural gas line that leaked for 9 hours and knocked out service to 12 businesses in downtown Jacksonville February 24. An evacuation order was not issued, but several businesses voluntarily evacuated due to a strong odor that resulted from the leak.
Source: <http://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/news/local/gas-leak-reported-downtown-area/nkHhg/>
28. *February 24, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire at Monroeville apartment complex forces dozens outside in frigid weather.** Sixty residents of the Northern Pike Garden Apartments in Monroeville were displaced by a February 24 fire that is believed to have started in the electrical service in the building's basement. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/monroeville-fire-forces-residents-outside-in-frigid-weather/31444954>

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